

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the abstract of the disclosure as follows:

An expandable tubular coupling ~~(23)~~ comprises a threaded male portion ~~(28)~~ and a corresponding threaded female portion ~~(30)~~, wherein the thread portions ~~(28,30)~~ feature thread profiles configured such that the coupling ~~(23)~~ may be made up to a predetermined extent, and once made up to the predetermined extent may be made up no further. In a disclosed embodiment the thread profiles are a combination of a square thread profile ~~(36, 38)~~ and a dovetail thread profile ~~(32, 34)~~.